

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement requiring restriction of this application to one of 24 different inventions. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Firstly, Applicants submit that claims where Z is sulfur or oxygen should be examined in the same application as sulfur and oxygen both have the same valence and would be expected to function in a similar manner in compounds of the structure of formula I. Therefore, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement should be regrouped to at least the combination of groups I and II, V and VI, IX and X, XIII and XIV, XVII and XVIII, XXI and XXII.

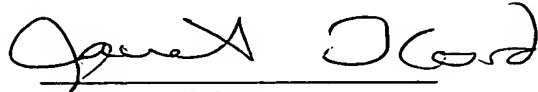
Applicants also request that the claims 39 and 40 be grouped with group IV as claims 39 and 40 describe the preparation of the compound of formula I where Z represents NR^b.

Applicants also submit that the claims where Z is =CH or Z is nitrogen (NR⁶) should also be examined in the same application as they are all classified in class 514 and subclass 376 along with Z as oxygen. Therefore applicants submit that the claims of groups I, II, III and IV including claims 39 and 40 should be examined in this application. If the examiner does not agree to this, Applicants elect the claims of groups I and II defining Z as sulfur or oxygen. If this is not acceptable, Applicants elect the claims of group II namely claims 1-20 in part, claims 31-38 and 41-51 where Z is oxygen.

Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet I. Cord", written over a horizontal line.

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